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Fosetyl-aluminum

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Under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has concluded that the addition of new uses on various commodities to the product label of Aliette® WDG Systemic Fungicide, containing technical grade fosetyl-aluminum, is acceptable. The specific uses approved in Canada are detailed on the label of Aliette® WDG Systemic Fungicide, *Pest Control Products Act* Registration Number 24458.

The evaluation of this fosetyl-aluminum application indicated that the end-use product has value and the human health and environmental risks associated with the new uses are acceptable.

Before registering a pesticide for food use in Canada, the PMRA must determine the quantity of residues that are likely to remain in or on the food when the pesticide is used according to label directions and that such residues will not be a concern to human health. This quantity is then legally established as a maximum residue limit (MRL). An MRL applies to the identified raw agricultural food commodity as well as to any processed food product that contains it, except where separate MRLs are specified for the raw agricultural commodity and a processed product made from it.

Consultation on the proposed MRLs for fosetyl-aluminum is being conducted via this document (see Next Steps, the last section of this document). A summary of the field trial data used to support the proposed MRLs can be found in Appendix I.

To comply with Canada's international trade obligations, consultation on the proposed MRLs is also being conducted internationally by notifying the World Trade Organization, as coordinated by the Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point.

The proposed MRLs, to be added to the MRLs already established for fosetyl-aluminum, are as follows.

Table 1 Proposed Maximum Residue Limits for Fosetyl-aluminum

Common Name	Residue Definition	MRL (ppm)[1]	Food Commodity
Fosetyl-aluminum	Aluminum tris[ethyl phosphonate]	60	Arugula, Abyssinian cabbages, garden cress, hanover salad, maca, radish leaves, seakale cabbages, Shepherd's purse, turnip greens, upland cress, watercress, and wild rocket

[1] ppm = parts per million

MRLs established in Canada may be found using the Maximum Residue Limit Database on the Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides webpage. The database allows users to search for established MRLs, regulated under the *Pest Control Products Act*, both for pesticides or for food commodities.

International Situation and Trade Implications

MRLs may vary from one country to another for a number of reasons, including differences in pesticide use patterns and the locations of the crop field trials used to generate residue chemistry data.

Table 2 compares the MRLs proposed for fosetyl-aluminum in Canada with corresponding American tolerances. American tolerances are listed in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Part 180, by pesticide Currently, there are no Codex MRLs[1] listed for fosetyl-aluminum in or on any commodity on the Codex Alimentarius Pesticide Residues in Food website.

Table 2 Comparison of Canadian MRLs, American Tolerances and Codex MRLs (where different)

Food Commodity	Canadian MRL (ppm)	American Tolerance (ppm)	Codex MRL (ppm)
Abyssinian cabbages, hanover salad, maca, radish leaves, seakale cabbages, Shepherd's purse, watercress, wild rocket	60	Not Established	Not Established
Arugula, garden cress, upland cress	60	100 (Vegetable, leaf, except brassica, group 4)	Not Established
Turnip greens	60	40	Not Established

Next Steps

The PMRA invites the public to submit written comments on the proposed MRLs for fosetyl-aluminum up to 75 days from the date of publication of this document. Please forward your comments to Publications (see the contact information on the cover page of this document). The PMRA will consider all comments received before making a final decision on the proposed MRLs. Comments received will be addressed in a separate document linked to this PMRL. The established MRLs will be legally in effect as of the date that they are entered into the Maximum Residue Limit Database.

[1] The Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international organization under the auspices of the United Nations that develops international food standards, including MRLs.

Appendix I

Summary of Field Trial Data Used to Support the Proposed Maximum Residue Limits

Previously reviewed residue data from field trials conducted in/on mustard greens were reassessed in the framework of this petition.

Maximum Residue Limits

The recommendation for maximum residue limits (MRLs) for fosetyl-aluminum was based upon the field trial data on file. Table A1 summarizes the residue data used to determine the proposed MRLs for arugula, Abyssinian cabbages, garden cress, hanover salad, maca, radish leaves, seakale cabbages, Shepherd's purse, turnip greens, upland cress, watercress and wild rocket.

Table A1 Summary of Field Trial Used to Support MRLs

Commodity	Application Method/ Total Application Rate (kg a.i./ha)[1]	Preharvest Interval (days)	Lowest Average Field Trial Residues (ppm)	Highest Average Field Trial Residues (ppm)
Mustard greens	Pre-plant incorporated + foliar applications/ 0.95 kg ai/m^3 + 31.5 kg ai/ha	3	0.33	36

[1] kg a.i./ha = kilograms of active ingredient per hectare

Following the review of all available data, MRLs as proposed in Table 1 are recommended to cover residues of fosetyl-aluminum. Residues of fosetyl-aluminum in these crop commodities at the proposed MRLs will not pose an unacceptable risk to any segment of the population, including infants, children, adults and seniors.